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1. CHINA

PAPERS HEADLINE TENG OUSTER, NAMING OF HUA AS PREMIER; RUN PHOTOS BOTH MEN (SUN, WP, NYT; AP, NYDN). NYT CARRIES TEXTS OF TWO CCP CENTRAL CMTE RESOLUTIONS APPOINTING HUA, DISMISSING TENG; ALSO OFFICIAL NCNA ACCOUNT OF MONDAY PEKING DEMONSTRATIONS.

DOS SAYS BASIC LINES PRC POLICY TOWARD US EXPECTED CONTINUE. BUSH ALSO SAYS SINO-US RELATIONS WON'T BE HURT BY PEKING SHAKE-UP. CONTENDS CHANGES SUGGEST 'CERTAIN TURMOIL AND CHURNING" EXISTS IN PRC, BUT THEY SHOULD BE STABILIZING INFLUENCE (WSJ) FUNSETH QUOTES HAK HAVING SAID IN MID-FEB THAT BASIC FOPOLICY BOTH US, PRC, DEPEND PRIMARILY ON HOW BOTH PERCEIVE NATIONAL INTERESTS; ADDS THAT PERSONALITIES, IN THIS SENSE, PLAY UNCLASSIFIED

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 $SECONDARY\ ROLE\ (NYDN'S\ CARTER).$

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS VAST CROWDS CLOGGED CAPITAL'S STREETS THURSDAY AS CCP STAGED MASSIVE RALLY OF SUPPORT

FOR NEW PREMIER. TENS OF THOUSANDS POURED ONTO MAIN

AVENUE, BEATING DRUMS/CYMBALS, CARRYING DUPLICATED BANNERS PLEDGING BACKING FOR HUA, OPPOSITION TO TENG. CHEERLEADERS WITH LOUDSPEAKERS DIRECTED MASSIVE CONGREGATION OF SCHOOLCHILDREN/STUDENTS/WORKERS WHICH SWARMED THROUGH HEART OF CITY, CARRYING MAO PORTRAITS AND BANNERS DECLARING ;WARM SUPPORT' FOR CENTRAL CMTE'S TWO RESOLUTIONS.

CHINESE INFO SERVICE REPORTS ROC PRES YEN, VISITING TAIWAN TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON HAINYI ROAD IN TAIPEI, URGED DOMESTIC MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS UPGRADE QUALITY CONTROL TO ATTRACT OVERSEAS BUYERS. YEN SAID ROC IS STEPPING UP EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING HEAVY INDUSTRY, AND MACHINE INDUSTRY IS PLAYING VITAL ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT (JOC).

2. INDOCHINA

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FOR CANDIDATES FOR VN NATL ASSY, WITH 281 VYING FOR 243 SVN SEATS, AS YET UNANNOUNCED NUMBER FOR NVN SEATS IN 492-MAN ASSY (UPI, NYT).

SAIGON ARCHB OP SAYS SVN RC CHURCH DOES NOT AIM BE POLITICAL FORCE, BUT MUST REMAIN APOSTALIC AND NOT BE REDUCED TO SILENCE. REPEATS APPEAL THAT CLERGY/LAYMEN TAKE ACTIVE PART IN NATION'S LIFE (AFP, NYT).

SVN POLICE ARREST 110 'REACTIONARY ELEMENTS' IN CUU LONG PROV, ABOUT 95 MI SOUTH SAIGON (REUTER SAIGON).

3. THAILAND

DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL APPROACH 3 OTHERS TO FORM COALITION, ACCORDING SPOKESMAN, WHO ADDS COALITION WILL PROBABLY BE FORMED WITHIN 15 DAYS. OTHER PARTES UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE INVITED ARE MODERATE, MIL-BACKED CHAT THAI THAT WON 58 SEATS; SOCIAL JUSTICE WITH 28; NATIONALISTS WITH 8. DEMS WON 114-SEAT PLURALITY IN 279-SEAT NATL ASSY. KUKRIT'S SOCIAL ACTION PARTY WON 45 (UPI, NYT).

4. SINGAPORE

NARCOTICS CRACKDOWN NETS 4 STUDENTS AT AMERICAN HS; NARC CHIEF SAYS 20 PCT STUDENTS AT SCHOOL INVOLVED WITH DRUGS (REUTER SINGAPORE).

5. AUSTRALIA

CRUDE OIL OUTPUT UP 6 PCT DURING 1975 (JOC). STRIKE BY AUSSIE STOREMEN/PACKERS HOLDS UP 1/8 WORLD'S TRADED WOOL (WP).

6. JAPAN

COMMART MOTORU-KE MAKERS ENDED TWO-DAY MEET, MODENA, ITALY, WEDNESDAY; AGREED NEED REORGANIZE PLAN S, IMPROVE 'QUALITY,' BUT STOPPED SHORT ASKING OWN GOVTS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST JAPANESE IMPORTS (WP).

EX-IM BANK SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT CONGRESS SHOWS SHARP INCREASE "DIRECT" EXPORT CREDITS LAST YEAR, BY JAPAN, FRANCE, ITALY, UK, TO COMBINED TOTAL 69.3 BILLION DOLS. US TOTAL UP 17 PCT, TO 9.9 BILLION DOLS. EXPANSION FOREIGN CREDITS LAID NEED GOVTS MEET HIGHER OIL IMPORT COSTS (LAWRENCE, JOC).

7. PHILIPPINES

MOST PAPERS REPORTED PAL JET HIGHJACKED BY THREE MOSLEM REBELS DURING MANILA-CAGAYAN DE ORO FLIGHT. AFTER DAY-LONG NEGOTIATIONS PLANE LEFT MANILA, LANDED REFUEL KOTA KINABALU, MALAYSIA, THURSDAY NIGHT. WHEN PILOT ASKED CLEARANCE LAND, VOICE SAID ON RADIO 'THIS IS THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. WE ARE BOUND FOR THE MIDDLE EAST...IF YOU DO NOT ALLOW US TO LAND HERE, PLEASE SHOOT THE PLANE AND BLOW IT UP.' AIRPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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CLOSED TRAFFIC, UNDER HEAVY POLICE GUARD. NOT KNOWN HOW LONG BAC-111 WOULD STAY ON GROUND, OR WHERE GO NEXT (REUTER KOTA KINABALU).

HIJACKERS EARLIER RELEASED ALL 69 PASSENGERS MANILA, AFTER GETTING ASSURANCES DETAINEES WHOSE RELEASE THEY DEMANDED WOULD NOT BE HARMED. THREE ADDITIONAL PILOTS, AND SUBSTITUTE HOSTAGE, PAL VP RAPHAEL IGOA, JOINED 6-MAN CREW ON BOARD (WP). PAL PRES BENIGNO TODA CONFIRMED 300,000 DOL RANSOM DEMAND NOT MET, BUT 20 OVERCOATS PLACED ON BOARD (AP, SUN). PRES MARCOS EARLIER REFUSED PAY RANSOM (REUTER, MANILA).

LONE AMCIT ON BOARD, JACK SCHROEDER (PASADENDA, CAL) SAID PASSENGERS DID NOT SEE HIJACKERS UNTIL PLANE LANDED MANILA; HAD TWO PISTOLS (REUTER MANILA).

HIJACKERS HAD THREATENED START KILLING HOSTAGES AT MANILA, UNLESS GOP FREED SIX DETAINEES, INCLUDING

PUBLISHER EUGENIO LOPEZ, JR (UPI, WSTAR 4/7; WSJ). GOP REFUSED. PHIL AMB TO SAUDI ARABIA, LUNINGDING PANGANDAMAN, ONE PRISONER, RAFAEL YABUT, BOARDED PLANE, CONVINCED HIJACKERS DETAINEES REFUSED JOIN THEM (AP, SUN; UPI, NYDN).

NEWSMEN BARRED FROM MANILA AIRPORT DURING INCIDENT, BUT NORMAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS CONTINUED (UPI, WSTAR).

OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED TWO HIJACKERS AS BENJIE SUBAIR, MAN NAMED MACHMOD. BOTH CLAIMED BE MEMBERS MORO NATL LIBERATION FRONT (AP, SUN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

WP'S SIMONS NOTES GRUNK RESIGNATION THAT CLEARS WAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT CAMBODIA COMMUNIST-STYLE GOVT. SAYS 19-MAN ADMINISTRATION WAS FIGUREHEAD, REAL POWER HELD BY KR LEADERS. QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT KR NOW SUFFICIENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFIDENT OF GRASP ON COUNTRY TO ELIMINATE VESTIGES ROYAL PATERNALISM; SHAPE NEW GOVT OBSCURE. REPORTS SPECULATION ON WHETHER SIHANOUK, WIFE WILL GO INTO EXILE; BUT OBSERVER THINKS UNLIKELY KR WOULD LIKE PRINCE LEAVE PP, START TALKING. BELIEVES SIHANOUK HAS FEW ILLUSIONS ABOUT HIS FUTURE IN KR-RULED CAMBODIA.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) REPORT THEN DOS UNDER-SECY RICHARDSON USED DANIEL ELLSBERG IN 1970 TO PASS CLASSIFIED INFO TO PRESS CONCERNING HOW RICHARDSON TRYING FREE PROMINENT SVN ASSYMAN, TRAN NGOC CHAU. ADD INVESTIGATOR IN CASE RECOMMENDED RICHARDSON, AIDE, BE PROSECUTED WITH ELLSBERG. NOTE COMMERCE SECY DENIES HAD ANY PART IN LEAK TO PRESS. (ABRIDGED IN GLOBE).

9. THAILAND

LAT'S MCARTHUR (4/6) SEES SENI AS BENEFICIARY STRONG RIGHT-WING SWING THAT NO THAI POLITICAL EXPERT HAD PREDICTED; SAYS HE APPEARS CERTAIN BE PM. REVIEWS POSSIBLE EFFECT US PULLOUT THAT AMEMBASSY NOW CONSIDERS DEAD ISSUE.

10. AUSTRALIA

WILLIS (CSM), AFTER INTERVIEW PM, SAYS RELIABILITY US AS ALLY UNDER SERIOUS QUESTION IN AUSTRALIA. STATES

AUSSIES HAVE DEEP MISGIVINGS OVER CONGRESSIONAL DEMS' OPPOSITION AIDING NONCOMMUNIST ORCES IN ANGOLA; CONCERNED, WITH NZ, OVER GROWING USSR NAVAL STRENGTH INDIAN OCEAN. NOTES FRASER WORRIED OVER WH-CONGRESS SPLIT, BUT CAN SEE NO ALTERNATIVE FOR AUSTRALIA BUT CONTINUE RELY US 7TH FLEET. QUOTES PM'S SUPPORT FOR USN BASE DIEGO GARCIA TO AVOID SITUATION WHERE ANY POWER COULD INTERDICT OIL SUPPLIES TO JAPAN, AUSTRALIA. WILLIS CONCLUDES OVERALL US-AUSSIE TIES GOOD, BUT CANBERRA'S MISGIVINGS ON ABOVE POINTS REMAIN.

11. PHILIPPINES/ROK

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WSTAR (4/7) HAS NO IDEA WHAT PROMPTED AMEMBASSY MANILA DENY MACAPAGAL ASYLUM. OFFICIAL EXPLANATION -- DID NOT APPEAR HIS LIFE IN DANGER -- 'MAKES LITTLE SENSE.' SINCE PUBLISHED BOOK BLASTING MARCOS, MACAPAGAL SEEMS 'PRIME CANDIDATE" FOR EARLY ARREST, LONG PERIOD UNPLEASANT DETENTION. MAY NOT HAVE BEEN BEST PRES PHILS EVER HAD, BUT BY STANDARDS OF SUCCESSOR WAS 'MODEL OF DEMOCRATIC PURITY." VACATED PRES PALACE 'WITH GOOD GRACE' WHEN LOST TO MARCOS. NOT CLEAR WHETHER MACAPAGAL'S OUTBURST, AFTER MONTHS' DISCREET SILENCE, PORTENDS GROWING RESISTANCE TO ARBITRARY RULE, BUT DECLARES HIGH TIME USG "STOP CATERING TO TINHORN DICTATORSHIPS" IN PHILIPPINES/ROK, WHICH FAR GREATER DANGER TO THEIR PEOPLE THAN COMMUNIST MENACE THEY INVOKE TO JUSTIFY OWN EXISTENCE. SUGGESTS OPPOSITION TO THEM SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY ALL LEGITIMATE MEANS.

12. CHINA

SUN SAYS OUTCOME PEKING LEADERSHIP CHANGES APPEARS YET ANOTHER COMPROMISE, KEEPING HIERARCHY PATCHED TOGETHER PENDING INEVITABLE TRANSITION TO POST-MAO ERA. NOTES TENG PUBLICLY SACRIFICED -- LIKE LIU/LIN, VICTIM TO 'IMPOSSIBLE JOB' OF HEIR-APPARENT TO LIVING LEGEND; BUT AT SAME TIME, LI HSIEN-NIEN IS SHOWN OFF IN GOOD POLITICAL HEALTH. SEES GESTURE TO PRAGMATISM IMPLICIT IN TIMING OF LI'S E?ERGENCE TO WELCOME LAOTIAN DELEGATION. SAYS NEED FOR SUCH GESTURE SUGGESTS MODERATES NOT YET SPENT -- AS DOES FACT MORE THAN 13 HOURS PASSED FROM TIME TIENANMEN DISORDER STARTED. IN FULL VIEW FOREIGNERS, TO TIME AUTHORITIES SENT FORCES TO CLEAR SQUARE. CONCLUDES THAT LEADERSHIP OVER WHICH HUA PRESIDES SEEMS STILL TRANSITIONAL COMPROMISE, IN WHICH HE IS USEFUL NOT ONLY FOR OWN HIGHLY-REGARDED ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS, BUT ALSO FOR LACK TOP-LEVEL

ENEMIES AMONG MAJOR FACTIONS.

CSM THINKS LIKELY THAT PRC'S STRIPPING TENG OF POWER MAY BE ONLY FORMAL ADMISSION OF PRIVATE ACTION THAT

TOOK PLACE WEEKS/MONTHS AGO. SEES HUA AS COMPROMISE UNCLASSIFIED

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CHOICE, ACCEPTABLE TO RADICALS, BUT OBVIOUSLY NOT TO MODERATES, WHO WANTED TENG. SAYS QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER MODERATE-PRAGMATISTS WILL ACCEPT THEIR REBUKE WITHOUT FURTHER VIOLENCE. AND FOR HOW LONG.

GLOBE CONCLUDES IT IS EASY OVERINTERPRET SOMETHING LIKE PRC LEADERSHIP CHANGE. POSSIBLE MONDAY'S RIOTING ANTICIPATES WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN MAO DIES, BUT AT THIS POINT NO REASON BELIEVE PRC STABILITY SERIOUSLY THREATENED.

NYT SUGGESTS THAT IF PRO-TENG FACTION COULD MOUNT MONDAY'S MAJOR DEMONSTRATION AFTER MANY WEEKS CEASELESS, VEILED, ANTI-TENG DENUNCIATION IN ALL CHINESE MEDIA, THEN MAY BE SUSPECTED THIS FACTION TOO STRONG TO TAKE DEFEAT SUPINELY--DECISION TO DEPOSE TENG, ELEVATE HUA. COULD POSSIBLY SIGNAL BEGINNING ANOTHER LONG INTERNAL TUG-OF-WAR. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HUA SUPPORTERS DELIBERATELY ARRANGED DEMONSTRATION TO INDUCE MAO RESOLVE ISSUE AS THEY WANTED IT SETTLED. BY MAKING HUA PREMIER. MAO VIRTUALLY INVITES HIM DISPOSE OF TENG BEFORE LATTER CAN GATHER FORCES; EVEN SO, HINT OF MAO'S RELUCTANCE GIVE HUA ALL HE WANTED IS SUGGESTED BY DECISION LET TENG STAY CCP MEMBER, NOT CAST HIM UTTERLY INTO IGNOMINIOUS DISGRACE. MEANWHILE, MONDAY DISTURBANCES RAISE NEW OUESTIONS ABOUT PRC STABILITY/ FUTURE, GIVING COMFORT TO COUNTRY'S ENEMIES, POSING NEW DOUBTS/WORRIES FOR PEKING FRIENDS IN US. THROUGHOUT WORLD.

WSJ'S KEATLEY CONCLUDES THERE REMAINS ABOUT AS MUCH CONFUSION AS EVER ABOUT WHO'S REALLY IN CHARGE IN PRC AND WHAT CHANGES WILL MEAN FOR COUNTRY'S FOREIGN/DOMESTIC POLICIES -- THOUGH LITTLE EVIDENCE HUA-FOR-TENG SWAP WILL BRING RADICAL CHANGES. SAYS SO FAR, PRC RELATIONSHIP TO US NOT INVOLVED, THOUGH COULD BE LATER. HOW 4 VACANT POLITBURO VACANCIES FILLED WILL TELL MUCH ABOUT NATURE CHINESE LEADERSHIP OVER NEXT FEW YEARS.

WP'S GREENWAY (HK) SUGGESTS THAT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUA'S BEING NAMED PREMIER IS HIS ELEVATION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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CCP FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN, REPLACING WANG HUNG-WEN. SAYS MOVE BEING INTERPRETED IN HK AS CO;PROMISE -- RADICALS

SUCCESSFUL IN BLOCKING TENG, BUT HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED

IN PROMOTING ONE OF THEIR OWN. MAINTAINS WEDNESDAY CHANGES DO NOT RESOLVE LEADERSHIP CRISIS, SINCE STILL UNKNOWN WHO REPLACES TENG AS PLA CHIEF OF STAFF. SINCE HUA IN NEITHER RADICAL OR MODERATE CAMP, PRESENT POLITICAL INSTABILITY MAY BREAK OUT AGAIN AS FACTIONS JOCKEY FOR POSITION.

NYT'S LELYVELD SAYS ANALYSTS US/HK AGREE HUA ELEVATION REPRESENTS ATTEMPTED COMPROMISE, RATHER THAN CLEAR-CUT RADICAL VICTORY. SEES FURTHER EVIDENCE OF COMPROMISE IN REAPPEARANCE LI HSIEN-NIEN, WHICH MAY WELL HAVE BEEN INTENDED REASSURE OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT PRC WHO MIGHT HAVE FELT THREATENED BY TENG'S FALL. THAT LI RETAINS HIS POSITIONS INDICATES INTENTION MAINTAIN CONTINUITY IN POLICIES. LIMIT PURGING TO TENG.

GLOBE'S PILATI FINDS LEADING SCHOLARS DIFFER SHARPLY ON RECENT PRC EVENTS. TUFT'S DONALD KLEIN VIEWS DEVELOPMENTS AS 'ESSENTIALLY DOMESTIC ISSUE' WITH NO SPILLOVER INTO FOPOLICY FOR PRC'S TWO CRUCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH US, SOV. HARVARD'S ROSS TERRILL PERCEIVES SIGNS, INCLUDING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND TENG OUSTER, THAT SOME IN LEADERSHIP CIRCLES DO NOT SHARE MAO'S 'DEGREE OF HOSTILITY' TOWARD SOV; ALSO SAYS WAS 'TRAGEDY" US DID NOT GO FURTHER ALONG ROAD TOWARD FULL RELATIONS DURING MAO-CHOU PERIOD, WHEN 'DOOR WAS KEPT OPEN TO AMERICA."

NYT'S CHING, IN HK, NOTES THERE APPEARED SOME SIGNS HUA NOT KEEN TO FOLLOW POLICY OF PARTY RADICALS. FOR EXAMPLE, HUNAN CCP ORGANIZATION HAS ADOPTED DISTINCTLY LUKEWARM ATTITUDE TOWARD CAMPAIGN AGAINST "CAPITALIST ROADERS," AND HAS NOT HELD SPECIAL MEETINGS TO CRITICIZE TENG, OTHER RIGHTISTS; ALSO, JANUARY '75 CHOICE OF HUA AS DEPUTY PM/PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER WAS MADE BY NPC DOMINATED BY PARTY MODERATES.

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NYT'S CARTER DECLARES RADICALS WON SKIRMISH WITH HUA REPLACING TENG, BUT WAS COSTLY VICTORY, POINTING TOWARD THEIR DEFEAT IN BIGGER STRUGGLE WITH MODERATES OVER WHO WILL RUN COUNTRY AFTER MAO'S DEATH. SAYS EVIDENT FROM FACT TENG KEPT CCP MEMBERSHIP THAT HIS DISGRACE 'NOT ALL THAT GREAT," AND NOTES SOME WASHINGTON SUSPICION THAT RADICALS INCITED MONDAY'S RIOTING TO DISCREDIT TENG.

SUN'S WU, IN HK, NOTES RADIO PEKING REPEATED BROADCAST ALL NIGHT OF TWO CENTRAL CMTE RESOLUTIONS, DISMISSING

TENG, NAMING HUA PREMIER. TEXTS ALSO RELEASED BY

NCNA. SAYS MONDAY RIOTS NOW CALLED 'COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY INCIDENT,' INCITED BY TENG FOLLOWERS AGAINST MAO HIMSELF, WHICH PRC RADIO LIKENED TO 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLT. OBSERVES TENG DISMISSAL ENDED ONE PHASE OF CURRENT POWER STRUGGLE, WITH UPHOLDERS OF GPCR EMERGING AS WINNERS. IF LEADERSHIP HAD BEEN DIVIDED, AS REPORTEDLY SOUGHT BY TENG, BELIEVES MONDAY DISTRUBANCES HELPED PATCH UP RIFT, ENABLE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVE CONSENSUS. AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.

AFP'S BIANNIC, IN PEKING, CITES OBSERVERS WHO VIEW HUA APPOINTMENT AS COMPROMISE BETWEEN RADICALS/ CONSERVATIVES AMONG LEADERSHIP, REPLACING MAN OF CENTER, CHOU, WITH CENTRIST, HUA. BUT CAUTIONS THAT HUA, EVEN THOUGH BELIEVED HAVE PERSONAL LINKS WITH MAO, MUST NOT NECESSARILY BE REGARDED AS SUCCESSORDESIGNATE, ANY MORE THAN CHOU BEFORE HIM (GLOBE).

TRUDEAU ("DOONESBURY") PORTRAYS AMB DUKE ON PHONE TO DOS DISCUSSING WHAT MIGHT BE DONE ABOUT PRESENCE CUBANS ON SOVET SIDE PRC BORDER. DUKE MENTIONS OPTIONS: INVADE CUBA, IMPOSE BLOCKADE, CALL IN AIRSTRIKES ON CHINESE BORDER; THEN EXCUSES INTERPRETER WHEN REMINDED SECURITY (SUN, WP, NYDN).

HERBLOCK (WP) SHOWS TV NEWS ANLAYSTS PORING OVER US PRIMARY RESULTS, DECIDING START WITH 'SIMPLE THINGS; -- PRC LEADERSHIP: 'HUA KUO-FENG SEEMS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BE IN. TENG HSIAO-PING IS OUT...'

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

PM MULDOON AT CENTER POLITICAL STORM FOR SAYING VN WAR WAS CATASTROPHE CAUSED BY US UNWILLINGNESS USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS (REUTER WASHINGTON). KISSINGER

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